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1. [REDACTED] stated that a military coup d'etat would take place soon after Major Barrera, Col. Francisco Arana's Chief of Staff, returns from a conference with zone commanders, either the night of 15 December, or on 16 December.
2. Final details of the plans were revealed as follows: the commanders of the two principal military establishments, Fort Matamoros and Guardia de Honor, were to participate. Colonel Jorge Barrios, Secretary to Col. Arana, was to take command of the military air base at the zero hour, relieving Major Cosenza. The latter is a supporter of Major Jacobo Arbenz, the Minister of Defense, and is not trusted by the plotters.

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